

NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration Quick Look Report

Expedition Title: ____Exploring Ancient Coral Gardens ___

Results (please check all disciplines in which this cruise collected data)	Details (please describe any novel discoveries in the discipline, answers such as "possible, awaiting data analysis" and "no apparent discoveries" are acceptable)
Bathymetric Mapping ☐ Yes x No	
New Species Discovered ☐ Yes ☐ No Unknown	Possible new sponge, not yet determined
Bio-prospecting ☐ Yes x No	
Habitat Range Extended x Yes □ No	Several species depth ranges extended
Chemical Processes ☐ Yes x No	
Biological Processes x Yes □ No	Over 80 animal samples collected
Geologic Processes xYes □ No	Over 20 rock samples collected and over 10 sediment core samples collected
Physical Processes x Yes □ No	CTD, current measurements
Sub/ROV/AUV Dives x Yes □ No	ROV Tiburon dives (11)
New Technology x Yes □ No	High-definition video camera system
Maritime Cultural Heritage ☐ Yes x No	
Outreach x Yes □ No	NOAA & MBARI websites updated daily; numerous media outlet coverage post-cruise
Students Involved x Yes □ No	1 graduate student on-board; U.S. high school students emailed questions
Multidisciplinary xYes □ No	Biology, oceanography, geology
Exploration of New Regions x Yes □ No	New areas of the Davidson Seamount were explored